

seems to have passed; the rigid quarantine and the various protective measures that were promptly adopted did the business. It has appeared in a number of the towns in the surrounding country, but only a few cases have occurred. All through the southern section there has been a very general cleaning up process and every one has been on the lookout for the disease.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Surgical Clinics of John B. Murphy, M. D., at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Vol. I, No. 3. June, 1912. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia.

Exhibition at Clinic of Cases Previously Operated Upon (with Comments, Photographs, and Skiagrams); Impacted Colles' Fracture; Fracture of the Olecranon Process; Division of the Brachial Plexus; Tuberculosis of the Intestines—Laparotomy; Cystic Goiter; Double Cervical Rib; Impacted Fracture of the Head of the Tibia with Posterior Luxation; Tumor (Hypernephroma) of the Kidney; Cholelithiasis; Typhoid Spine; Extradural Hemorrhage from Trauma: Excision of Three and One-half Inches of Dura; Pott's Fracture; Five Diagnostic Methods of John B. Murphy.

The Surgical Clinics of John B. Murphy, M. D., at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Volume I, Number 4 (August). Octavo of 154 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1912. Published bi-monthly. Price per year: Paper, \$8.00; Cloth, \$12.00. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

Contains: Acute Appendicitis and Pneumonia; Chronic Appendicitis; Ankylosis of the Knee; Arthroplasty; Joint Infections; Angiophlebitis of Leg and Thigh—Old Muscular Hemangioma; Hypertrophy of the Prostate; Nephropyloroplasty; Ankylosis of the Left Elbow-joint—Fracture of Joint with Deformity; Tumor of the Abdomen—Retroperitoneal Sarcoma; Concussion of the Spine with Impacted Fracture of the Vertebrae; Traumatic Epilepsy; Decompression; Transplantation of Bone (Osteitis Fibrosa Cystica); Carcinoma of the Lip; Carcinoma of the Splenic Flexure of the Colon—Intestinal Obstruction; Students' Clinic—Fractures.

A Handbook of Medical Diagnosis. J. C. Wilson, A. M., M. D., Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the Jefferson Medical College, etc. Third edition. J. P. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and London. 1911. Price \$6.00.

This, the third edition of a book already almost to be called standard, needs little comment. Among the rather numerous works in this field it occupies one of the leading places. Together with the others it has both its excellencies and its faults. The chapters on methods of physical diagnosis seem to us particularly valuable, being both clear in description and sane in interpretation. We cannot be so enthusiastic about the portion devoted to laboratory methods when we find the statement that malaria parasites are best found in unstained preparations, and no description is given of their appearance when stained. This view is about ten years out of date. We somewhat doubt the wisdom of combining a laboratory hand-book with a text-book of physical diagnosis, when the former subject is so well and so much more fully covered in special treatises.

J. L. W.

The Care of the Skin and Hair. By William Allen Pusey, A. M., M. D. D. Appleton & Co., New York. 1912.

The author presents for the laity a small book containing much useful information concerning

the anatomy and physiology of the skin and hair, and some of the common disorders of the same. There is given also practical instruction regarding general hygiene as well as the special care of the skin and hair. Much educating of the public in these matters is necessary in order to prevent their being made victims of the ever friendly barber, the prescribing druggist, the officious "beauty parlor" employee and other quacks who are always ready to give their interested advice. Therefore the book is timely, and it can be well recommended.

H. E. A.

Text Book of Gynecology. Gardner. Published by D. Appleton & Co.

The first impression one receives on reviewing this work is that thoroughness has been sacrificed for the sake of brevity; but on careful review, it appears to cover the ground fairly well, in a clear, concise though brief manner. According to the preface, the author intimates that it does not aim to cover the entire subject at length, but is a book intended chiefly for the student who has not the time to devote to an exhaustive study of the subject. As such a text-book it is a valuable aid. One is impressed that the author has had a rather extensive experience in the practical clinical teaching of gynecology, and there are many good points brought to the attention of the reader. The book is well gotten up, the paper being of excellent quality, the type large and clear; and while the illustrations are, for the most part, diagrammatic there are many good photomicrographs and some excellent photographs of pathological specimens. While the book will not add greatly to the value of the many more or less extensive text-books of gynecology published, nevertheless, in my opinion, it will prove a valuable aid to the medical student and the young practitioner engaged in general practise.

F. P. T.

A Text-Book of Pathology. For Students of Medicine. By J. George Adami, M. A., M. D., LL. D., F. R. S., Professor of Pathology in McGill University, Montreal, and John McCrae, M. D., M. R. C. P. (London), Lecturer in Pathology and Clinical Medicine in McGill University, formerly Professor of Pathology in the University of Vermont. In one octavo volume of 759 pages, with 304 engravings and 11 colored plates. Cloth, \$5.00, net. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York, 1912.

As stated in the preface, the book is not merely an epitome of the authors' large work on "The Principles of Pathology," but complete in itself and properly modified to meet the different requirements. It is natural, however, that in many respects considerable similarity is found in the handling of the subject matter. The illustrations from the earlier book have been very largely reproduced in the new one, but new plates have been added where it seemed desirable. The book contains a tremendous amount of information in a comparatively small space and is therefore rather difficult reading like all other text-books on Pathology known to the reviewer. The remedy for this defect, if it is any, is not very obvious at the present state of our knowledge. The book "inherits" the many admirable properties of its predecessor and can be thoroughly recommended to students.

W. O.

Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat. By Henry Ottridge Reik, M. D., assisted by A. J. Neilson Reik, M. D. D. Appleton and Company, New York.

Reik has given us a text-book which is well adapted for the family physician and undergraduate medical student. Beginning with the anatomy and physiology of the ear, the various commoner dis-

eases are taken up seriatim, including labyrinthine inflammation, aural vertigo and labyrinthine apoplexy with the pathology and treatment. A chapter is devoted to general diseases in which aural complications are prone to occur. The upper respiratory tract is treated in a like manner.

The book is well printed and contains numerous illustrations which are very accurate. It can be recommended especially to the undergraduate student.

W. S. F.

The Treatment of Fractures. By Charles Locke Scudder, M. D. Seventh edition, thoroughly revised and enlarged. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1911.

The author has added material to the previous editions, chiefly in those chapters dealing with "fractures of the skull; old fractures of the nasal bones; fractures of the spine; excision of the shoulder-joint; damage to the musculo-spiral nerve; fractures of the neck of the femur; old fractures of the lower end of the tibia"; and "injuries to the lower tibial epiphysis." To completely review this new edition would be to repeat the commendations that have followed the advent of all the previous editions. It remains the handy compendium of treatment of injuries to the bones and joints that has been consulted by many of our practitioners since the first edition was put upon the market.

S. H.

False Modesty. By E. B. Lowry, M. D., author of *Confidences, Truths, Herself, Etc.* Forbes & Co., Chicago, 1912.

"The chapters of this book were originally published in a prominent magazine as a sequel to the series that first brought the white slave traffic to the attention of the world in general."

It is a book designed to show parents the need for educating children on matters sexual, the methods to be employed having already been fairly well sketched in the other books by the same author. There is no question that parents will find much food for thought in this series of Dr. Lowry's, and this book is a step in the right direction.

R. B.

Musser-Kelly. Practical Treatment. Vol. iii. 1033 pp. W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia.

This volume, like the two preceding, is a system of monographs by such authorities as Janeway, Hewlett, Roswell Park, Anders, Moynihan, Spiller, Dercum, Moffitt and others of similar reputation. It deals with constitutional diseases of the respiratory, digestive, urinary, nervous and muscular systems. The subjects are treated in a delightfully complete and authoritative manner. Sufficiently exhaustive expositions of the clinical aspects of each condition precede the discussion of therapeutic measures. The scope of subjects under each subdivision is complete and covers not only the important and familiar diseases, but the no less interesting rare conditions, the treatment of which has been so often slighted. The experience and painstaking labor of the authors render the volume of excellent value. The scholarly form in which the monographs are written not only sustains the interest of the reader, but imbues him with something of the enthusiasm that is engendered in the atmosphere of a modern hospital.

G. E. E.

Recent Methods in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Syphilis. By C. H. Browning and I. McKenzie. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, 1912.

The literature upon this subject has been fully covered and brought up to date. The book is beautifully arranged, and one here finds at hand that which would take days of search through journals. Added to this is a great deal of per-

sonal research by the authors. This book is one everyone interested in the subjects of the Wassermann reaction and salvarsan treatment should possess.

H. R. O.

The Care of the Skin and Hair. By William Allen Pusey, A. M., M. D. D. Appleton and Company, New York and London.

The average woman is constantly on the alert for any information on the subject of cosmetics and the complexion. If authentic guides are lacking she accepts the spurious. Any book dealing rationally with the care of the skin and hair should be welcomed as an offset to the balderdash which is commonly served in Sunday supplements. Dr. Pusey has treated the subject with a scientific mind and a lay pen. The result is an interesting little volume of something less than two hundred pages which presents the necessary facts of structure, function and care of the skin and hair. The relation between general health and the skin is not neglected and the inquiring lady will probably find in the chapters on soaps, powders, creams and ointments just the information for which her soul is longing.

The author regards baldness as a transitional stage in man's evolution and is pessimistic concerning his future chances of hirsute adornment. Whether one accepts this view or not, it need worry none of the book's readers, for ultimate universal baldness must needs be still some few generations in the future. Meanwhile the author has many practical and wholesome ideas concerning the scalp which may be read with advantage by all.

E. D. C.

Differential Diagnosis. Second Edition Revised.

Presented through an analysis of 385 cases. By Richard C. Cabot, M. D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Harvard Medical School. Second Edition. Octavo of 764 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1912. Cloth, \$5.50 net.

The comparatively early appearance of a second edition of a new work indicates its acceptability in filling a real want. In the case in point the field invaded was practically unoccupied, this volume being one of a series of text-books devised for use in the Harvard Medical School, which has adopted the now widely-used case-system first put in practice by the Harvard Law School. Apart from a discussion of the pedagogic value of such a system in teaching medical subjects, we cannot refrain from commenting warmly on the value of this book as light reading for the general practitioner,—for in spite of its solid value it does make delightful reading. Dr. Cabot's positiveness of assertion, though it necessitates the occasional use of the granum salis, makes him a clear and successful teacher both in the class-room and in print. His destructive criticism, when applied to diagnoses such as biliousness, rheumatism, ptomaine-poisoning, neuritis, gastritis, and many other refuges of the slovenly diagnostician, is certainly refreshing, and comes most appropriately from Boston, which for twenty years or more has been the home of the scientific scepticism which has been so sadly needed in medicine. Without committing oneself to agreement with every one of Cabot's generalizations, or of his particular inferences, the book may be recommended as stimulating and useful.

J. L. W.

Text Book of Ophthalmology. In the Form of Clinical Lectures. By Dr. Paul Roemer, Professor of Ophthalmology at Greifswald. Translated by Dr. M. L. Foster, New York. Reiman Co., Vol. 1, 1912.

Although primarily intended for the author's own students these lectures command a wide circle of